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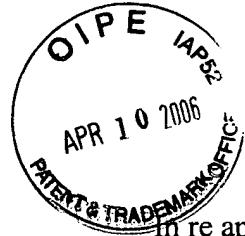
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**PATENT**  
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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

LALEH SHAYESTEH et al.

Application No.: 08/905,508

Filed: August 4, 1997

For: GENETIC ALTERATIONS  
ASSOCIATED WITH CANCER

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 5513

Examiner: Jehanne Souaya Sitton

Technology Center/Art Unit: 1634

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 7, 2005, please enter the following amendments and remarks. Enclosed herewith is a petition with fee authorization for a three-month extension of time.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.